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Is Air Force Afraid of Peace?

[4623 Main St., Downers Grove, Ill.; Jan. 10]—We talk about ending the Cold War, and it seems the Air Force Intelligence is afraid just that might happen.

Washington Post had a new book review on national security. The review was done by Robert A. Kilmarx who is special adviser to the assistant chief of staff of Air Force Intelligence.

Kilmarx wrote that the book came "at a most fortunate time" because of the signing of the nuclear test ban treaty had created the danger of a "euphoria about national security" which could be "compounded by apathy toward cold war conflict" especially if the Soviets "continue to avoid precipitating major crises."

This is the first I have read of what might be called a crisis gap. I am sure the CIA can figure out a way by making up a crises of its own.

It is also interesting that Kilmarx fears that President Kennedy's assassination "may have reinforced this danger, since the forces of intolerance, hatred and extremism which many people apparently believe contributed to his death may be viewed as the result of cold war instability, ideological conflict and economic frustration."

That is to say, the killing could have brought the American people to question the effects upon them of that interdependence of continuing fear and hatred we call the cold war. The Air Force authority seems to think such moments of serious thought, are a danger to our national security.—June Haskins.